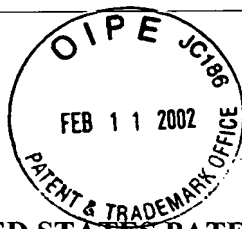


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FOR: NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES WHICH CODE FOR THE RODA PROTEIN

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated January 10, 2002, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-6, 10-22, and 26, for further prosecution. Applicants note that an election of Species is not required with the election of Group I.

**REMARKS**

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

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| Group I:   | Claims 1-6, 10-22, and 26, drawn to an isolated polynucleotide, vector, host, and method for making a protein;  |
| Group II:  | Claim 7, drawn to a method for detecting a nucleic acid by contacting a nucleic acid sample with a probe;   |
| Group III: | Claim 8, drawn a method for producing a nucleic acid by contacting a nucleic acid sample with a probe;  |
| Group IV:  | Claim 9, drawn to a method for screening for polynucleotides which encode a protein having the activity of the RodA cell division protein by hybridization with a polynucleotide; |